
Arab CPs Reject Accord



In early June, eleven Arab communist parties met and registered their common stand against the Israeli - Lebanese accord. Below is a summary of the communique issued by the following parties:

1. Jordanian Communist Party
2. Bahraini National Liberation Front
3. Tunisian Communist Party
4. Socialist Vanguard Party (Algeria)
5. Communist Party of Saudi Arabia
6. Sudanese Communist Party
7. Syrian Communist Party
8. Iraqi Communist Party
9. Palestinian Communist Party
10. Lebanese Communist Party
11. Egyptian Communist Party

The communist and workers' parties in the Arab countries held a meeting where the current situation in the region was discussed, as well as the international situation. The communique defines and condemns the dangers which the imperialist - Zionist invasion poses to the Arab national liberation movement. The communique points out that the military attack on Lebanon and the Palestinian resistance was of the severest nature; this has been underscored in the signing of the Israeli-Lebanese agreement and the escalation of threats to carry out a military offensive against Syria.

The communique condemns this agreement, forced upon Lebanon by US pressure, as an extension of Camp David and an outrageous violation of the sovereignty and independence of Lebanon. By this agreement, Lebanon is converted into a military base and a US-Israeli protectorate, as well as a threatening factor to Syria, other Arab countries and world peace. It fulfills Israeli ambitions for regional politi-

cal, economic and cultural expansion. It aims at splitting Lebanon from the Arab world and putting an end to democratic freedom there. Moreover, it widens the gap of internal strife, giving fascist, isolationist, sectarian forces strength, which threatens the unity of Lebanon, leading to its partition. In addition, the agreement rewards the Israelis, instead of punishing them and forcing them to unconditional withdrawal according to the Security Council resolutions.

The communique stresses that the communist and workers' parties in the Arab countries will "continue their struggle...at the side of the nationalist Lebanese and will exert all efforts to foil this agreement and prevent Lebanon from submitting to Israeli and US occupation, continuing under the facade of the MNF, so as to restore the complete sovereignty of Lebanon, reasserting its Arab nature, unity and the right of its people to democratic development, removed from

any external dominance or interference."

The communique also condemns the Zionist-US escalation of threats against Syria, which serves to emphasize the importance of the latter's role of steadfastness in the face of the imperialist plan and offensive policy. It also stresses that the battle in defense of Syria "acquires an Arab and international nature; moreover, the question of fortifying the steadfastness of Syria is of extraordinary importance under the present circumstances."

The communique calls for increased solidarity with the Palestinian people and the PLO as their sole, legitimate representative, stressing the importance of unity. It salutes the stand taken by the Soviet Union in support of Arab causes and Arab steadfastness, and calls for strengthening the relations of friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union as a decisive factor in our liberation battle.